



## Multimodal Concurrency Study Brief

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### What is the Multimodal Concurrency Study?

In 2005 the Legislature passed 2SHB 1565 addressing multimodal concurrency strategies. In addition to changing the GMA to allow use of multimodal improvements and strategies, it directed the Department of Transportation to administer a study to be completed by Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) that “examines multimodal transportation improvements and strategies to comply with concurrency requirements of the GMA.

Basically, the multimodal concurrency study will focus on total capacity and consider all modes in the total measurement with regard to LOS, and thus the concurrency test.

### What are the Study Requirements?

- An assessment and comprehensive summary of studies or reports examining concurrency requirements and practices in Washington;
- An examination of existing or proposed multimodal transportation improvements or strategies employed by a city in a county with a population of one million or more residents;
- Recommendations for statutory and administrative rule changes that will further the promotion of effective multimodal transportation improvements and strategies that are consistent with provisions of the GMA; and
- Recommendations for improving the coordination of concurrency practices in jurisdictions subject to the buildable lands requirements of the GMA.

### What is the Study Deadline?

WSDOT must submit a report of findings and recommendations to the appropriate committees of the Legislature by December 31, 2006.

### Who is Leading the study and What is the Budget?

PSRC is responsible for completing the study in accordance with the scope of work approved by the Legislative consultation group. PSRC has contracted with TRAC to provide technical assistance in completing the study. WSDOT is responsible for submitting the final report. \$150,000 was provided by the Legislature to complete the study.

### What is the Study Consultation Group?

The consultation group includes two members of the House and Senate, appointed by the Speaker of the House and President of the Senate respectively. The consultation group includes Senators Haugen and Mulliken and Representatives Moeller and Jarrett.

In addition, a multimodal concurrency study advisory group with representatives from cities, counties, RTPs, transit, WSDOT and CTED was formed to add input and review recommendations developed.

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